17-43 PATENT

Docket No.: 43888-092

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer No.: 20277

Tatsurou KAWAMURA

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Examiner: Monique T. Cole

For:

REAGENT AND METHOD FOR MEASURING A CONCENTRATION OF

PROTEIN

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 21, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.